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## STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 4, 1842.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

## DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

The following Collection of Shells from St. Louis, Missouri, presented by Dr. Benjamin B. Brown, of that place, through Dr. Morton :

Unio rectus, Lam.	Unio metanever, Raf.
— reflexus, Raf.	— lineolatus, “
— plicatus, Say.	— luteola, “
— æsopus, Green.	— torsus, “
— alatus, Say.	— fragosus, Conrad.
— crassus, “	— ovatus, Say.
— verrucosus, Raf.	— fragilis, Raf.
Alasmodonta complanata, Barnes.	— undatus, Barnes.
Melania elevata ? Say.	

Mr. R. C. Taylor presented between 80 and 90 Species of West Indian and American Plants, chiefly Ferns, collected by himself, and finely preserved.

A number of living young Snakes, (*Coluber eximius*,) constituting a whole family, with the remains of the eggs from which they had been hatched, were presented by Mr. Jacob Peirce. They were discovered by him on the 10th of September last in the act of hatching, about a foot beneath the surface, at the base of a rock having a southern exposure.

## DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Transactions of the Zoological Society of London, Vol. III, Part 1st. London, 1842.

Proceedings of the same, Part 9th, 1842; and the Annual Reports of the Council and Auditors of the same, for 1842. From the Society.

Manuscript Catalogue of the West Indian Plants, Fruits, seeds, &c., presented by P. A. Browne, Esq. Bound by order of the Society.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was read from P. A. Browne, Esq., on the subject of the human foot prints found in the Limestone Rock at St. Louis, Missouri, in which he gave his views respecting the origin of the same.

The communication was referred to a Committee, composed of Dr. Goddard, Mr. Taylor, and Professor Rogers.

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STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 1842.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

A living Specimen of *Kinixys denticulata*, from Africa. Presented by Mr. Cassin.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from Dr. E. S. Dixwell, Corresponding Secretary of the Boston Society of Natural History; and from the Secretary of the American Philosophical Society, severally acknowledging the receipt of copies of the Proceedings of the Academy.